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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
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35 FEBRUARY 16, 2010

Sachi A. Hamai
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE FINDINGS OF THE CALIFORNIA STATEWIDE
LOCAL STREETS AND ROADS NEEDS ASSESSMENT
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to adopt the enclosed Resolution supporting the findings of the California Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment, conducted by the County Engineers Association of California and the League of California Cities and managed by the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, expressing strong opposition to future cuts to vital transportation funding such as Proposition 42 and the Highway User Tax Account (HUTA) and strong support for adequate and stable funding sources for local street and road maintenance and rehabilitation, and urging the State to identify sufficient and stable funding sources for these purposes.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Adopt the Resolution supporting the findings of the California Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment, expressing strong opposition to future cuts to vital transportation funding such as Proposition 42 and the Highway User Tax Account (HUTA) and strong support for adequate and stable funding sources for local street and road maintenance and rehabilitation, and urging the State to identify sufficient and stable funding sources for these purposes.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to approve the enclosed Resolution supporting the

findings of the California Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment, expressing strong opposition to future cuts to vital transportation funding such as Proposition 42 and HUTA and strong support for the establishment of adequate and stable funding sources for local street and road maintenance and rehabilitation, and urging the State to identify sufficient and stable funding sources for these purposes.

The County Engineers Association of California (CEAC) and the California League of Cities (League of Cities) conducted a statewide local streets and roads needs assessment study to determine the condition of the local transportation network and associated funding needs. The study, which was performed by Nichols Consulting Engineers under the direction of the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works (Public Works), was completed in October 2009. An oversight committee consisting of representatives from the California State Association of Counties, League of Cities, CEAC, California Regional Transportation Planning Agencies, and California Rural Counties Task Force was established to ensure input from all stakeholders. The results of the study show that the condition of California local streets and roads is declining and an investment of \$70 billion over the next ten years is needed to stop the decline and deterioration of local streets and roads and to bring local streets and roads to a "best management condition."

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3). The adoption of this Resolution will encourage preservation of existing funding sources for local street and road maintenance and rehabilitation needs, whereby the residents of the County and motoring public will benefit and their quality of life will be improved.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

This action will help preserve existing funding sources for local street and road maintenance and rehabilitation needs and urge the State to identify sufficient and stable funding sources for these purposes.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Investment in local streets and roads is an investment in goods movement, public safety, and economic growth. Cities and counties own and operate 81 percent of the State's publicly maintained mileage of streets and roadways. There was previously no comprehensive and systematic statewide effort to quantify the needs of the local streets and roads system. The condition of our streets and roadways continues to deteriorate due to the funding shortfalls and will be further challenged by the escalating repair costs in future years.

The Assessment indicates that the Pavement Condition Index (PCI), which ranks roadway pavement conditions on a scale of zero (failed) to 100 (excellent) for local streets and roads, is at statewide average of 68, which is in the "at risk" category. The study reports that even if existing funding levels remain the same, the statewide average pavement condition is projected to deteriorate to a PCI of 58 in 10 years and further to 48, which is in the "poor" category, by 2033.

The poor condition of roads is not only a safety hazard but costs thousands of dollars annually per

resident in terms of the lost time, extra fuel used, and vehicle wear and tear. Preservation and management of the existing roadway system should be a top priority since the cost of deferred work escalates exponentially.

The enclosed Resolution has been reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

Adoption of the enclosed Resolution is statutorily exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15262 of the CEQA Guidelines and Section 307. B.(7) of the Environmental Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987. This exemption provides for planning studies for possible future actions that have not been approved, adopted, or funded.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This action will further efforts to establish stable funding sources for the maintenance and rehabilitation of the local streets and roads.

CONCLUSION

Please return an adopted copy of this letter and the approved Resolution to Public Works, Programs Development Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER
Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Lari Sheehan)
County Counsel
Executive Office

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF
LOS ANGELES SUPPORTING THE FINDINGS OF THE CALIFORNIA STATEWIDE
LOCAL STREETS AND ROADS NEEDS ASSESSMENT**

WHEREAS, cities and counties own and operate over 81% of the roads in California, where every trip begins and ends, and the local system is critical for safety and mobility of the traveling public, farm to market needs, multimodal needs, and commerce; and

WHEREAS, while Federal and State governments regularly assess their transportation system needs, no such data existed for the local component of the State's transportation network; and

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, in coordination with the County Engineers Association of California and the League of California Cities, conducted a Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment study; and

WHEREAS, the California Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment provides critical analysis and information on the local transportation network's condition and funding needs; and

WHEREAS, the study surveyed all of California's 58 counties and 478 cities in Fiscal Year 2007-08, resulting in data that represents 93% of local street and road miles in the State; and

WHEREAS, the results show that California's local streets and roads are on a path of significant decline. On a scale of zero (failed) to 100 (excellent), the statewide average Pavement Condition Index (PCI) is 68, placing it in the "at risk" category; and

WHEREAS, if current funding remains the same, the statewide condition is projected to deteriorate to a PCI of 58 in 10 years and further to 48 ("poor" category) by 2033; and

WHEREAS, ongoing road maintenance is a significant public safety concern. Fatality rates on County roads already exceed those on the State's freeway system. Maintaining the paved road network (potholes filling, sealing, overlays, etc.), traffic signals, signs, and street lights has a direct correlation to improving public safety and reducing traffic accidents, injuries, and deaths; and

WHEREAS, to spend the taxpayer's money cost-effectively, preserving and maintaining the local system at a level industry calls best management practices (good condition) is less costly to maintain in the long term; and

WHEREAS, in order to bring the local system back into a cost-effective condition, thereby preserving the public's \$271 billion pavement investment and stopping further costly deterioration, at least \$7 billion annually in new money going directly to cities and counties over a period of 10 years is needed to stop the further decline and deterioration of our streets and roads; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles hereby:

1. Supports the findings of the California Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment; and
2. Approves the filing of this Resolution with an accompanying letter from the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to the Governor and each legislator, expressing vehement opposition to future cuts to vital transportation funding such as Proposition 42 and the Highway User Tax Account and strong support for adequate and stable funding sources for local street and road maintenance and rehabilitation; and
3. Strongly urges the State to identify sufficient and stable funding sources for local street and road maintenance and rehabilitation.

On the 16th day of February, 2010, the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex-officio of the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts.



SACHI A. HAMAI
Executive Officer of the
Board of Supervisors of the
County of Los Angeles

By [Signature]
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ANDREA SHERIDAN ORDIN
County Counsel

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Deputy

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